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<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/Dxldmid.html>

WORLD OF RADIO ON RFPI. A new seasonal schedule begins Friday, December 1. RFPI will be changing to a 6-hour program cycle instead of 8 hours. The original WOR and COM times in the 1600-2200 period remain the same on Fri, Sat and Tue, but repeats appear 6, 12, and 18 hours later (except when not on the air overnight) and there is no longer a Sunday broadcast at 2300. As for frequency changes, activation of 30 kW on 7480 is still delayed, but is expected to happen first; two weeks after that, 15049 will change to 15065. Here is the official schedule once all the changes have been made:

7480	0000-0400	30 kW
15065	2200-0200	10 kW
21815-USB	1200-0400	3 kW

HOWEVER, until then, listen on 15049 more or less 24 hours, and on 21815-USB as above!

WORLD OF RADIO and CONTINENT OF MEDIA on RFPI effective December 1:

Fri	1900	COM	21815-USB	15049
Fri	1930	WOR	21815-USB	15049
Sat	0100	COM	21815-USB	15065/15049 7480
Sat	0130	WOR	21815-USB	15065/15049 7480
Sat	0700	COM		15049
Sat	0730	WOR		15049
Sat	1300	COM	21815-USB	15049
Sat	1330	WOR	21815-USB	15049
Sat	1730	COM	21815-USB	15049
Sat	1800	WOR	21815-USB	15049
Sat	2330	COM	21815-USB	15065/15049
Sun	0000	WOR	21815-USB	15065/15049 7480
Sun	0530	COM		15049
Sun	0600	WOR		15049
Sun	1130	COM		15049
Sun	1200	WOR	21815-USB	15049
Tue	1900	WOR	21815-USB	15049
Tue	2000	COM	21815-USB	15049
Wed	0100	WOR	21815-USB	15065/15049 7480

Wed 0200 COM 21815-USB 15065/15049 7480
Wed 0700 WOR 15049
Wed 0800 COM 15049
Wed 1300 WOR 21815-USB 15049
Wed 1400 COM 21815-USB 15049

WORLD OF RADIO ON WWCR: the Sunday 1930 on 15685 has been dropped but the new Sunday 2000 on 12160 continues

** AFGHANISTAN. Re: Balkh Radio, Mazar-e-Sharif, DXLD 0-145.
Hi Glenn, I don't know of any shortwave frequency, but on MW it can be often heard here in Finland on 1584 kHz. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFRICA. Hi Glenn! Here's my new Africa-page:
<http://www.poba.de/africalist.html> At the moment still quite incomplete (it will never be complete), but a new version with much more links be will uploaded very soon. No real news from my side. Seems that Africa No.1 GABON has cut back SW broadcasts. 15475 only till 1900, 9580 till 2030 (? , announced). ZANZIBAR is very strong here on 11734, especially around 1700, a sign-off I've heard was at 2030, but usually it's not audible then. NIGER La Voix du Sahel is audible on 9705 around 1600-1800 here, seems that they don't follow their usual schedule at the moment. That's it! (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, Nov 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[P.S. Dec. 3: Dear Glenn - Tried twice to access the Africa-list web site in your no. 1060 edition, and each time my computer went down as the site seem to add an unlimited amount of /default.html 's. All the best, (Erik Koie in Copenhagen) Same here; it was OK when we originally checked it; so avoid. -gh]

** AUSTRIA [non]. I received this reply to an e-mail I sent to R. Austria Int'l. regarding the 1630 broadcast via Sackville (John Figliozzi)

Thank you very much for your e-mails. Concerning your question: We should broadcast from 1630 to 1700 UT our English programme but we have some problems with the relay station in Sackville. We hope that we can solve this problem as soon as possible. Yours sincerely,
(RADIO AUSTRIA INTERNATIONAL Listeners' Service Nov 27 to and via John Figliozzi, swprograms via DXLD)

** BHUTAN. BBS has introduced a new service as from Nov 15, on weekdays. All transmissions are on 6035. Mo-Fr 0100-0530, 0800-1230. The second transmission begins with English announcements, program summary and followed by News in English at 0801. Signature tune is heard at 0058 and 0758; Sa/Su 0400-1000. English continues at 1000-

1100 with news in English at 1001 (Alok das Gupta, Calcutta, India, Nov 27, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Reactivated is R. Constelaci n, Guanay, heard on 4766.4 on Sunday and Monday at 2230. They are relaying their FM signal on the tropical band transmitter (Rogildo Fontenelle Arag o, Bolivia, Nov 28, radioescutas translated by gh for DXLD)

** CANADA. Hi Glenn! Was reading DXLD 0-145 this morning, and saw Fred Waterer's piece on the Canadian elections. His comment on the Liberal party being "the only party that seems to care about continued RCI funding" isn't 100% correct.

I was checking out the party platforms around 10 days ago, and found the following in the Canadian Alliance platform document:

"CBC: In a thousand channel, digitalized satellite universe, where traditional media are merging with the internet to revolutionize communications, we need to revitalize the role of the CBC. A Canadian Alliance government will allow CBC television and internet service to raise private capital while ensuring majority Canadian ownership and retaining a public CBC radio (including Radio Canada International)."

As I mentioned on the Nov. 19 edition of "International Radio Report," this came as quite a surprise to me...probably the biggest surprise of the election campaign. Early in the campaign, one of the most prominent Canadian Alliance MP's, Deborah Grey, was quoted as saying that a CA government would sell off CBC Television, but might consider keeping CBC Newsworld (the 24 hr news channel) and CBC Radio. That difference kind of fits in with accusations, common throughout the campaign, that the CA had a "hidden agenda." Because of that, the passage above was, as I said, a surprise.

During the lobbying days to save RCI in 1995-1996, the feedback that the Coalition got from Reform MP's wasn't terribly favourable to RCI. Obviously, the CA policy planners realized that there was a certain measure of support for RCI among the Canadian public...though what they would have done had they won power will remain a mystery.

FYI, the Canadian Alliance policy document can be found, in PDF format, at the following URL; the passage concerning CBC & RCI is found on page 7 of the PDF document (which runs to 24 pages).
http://www.canadianalliance.ca/_pdf/platform_en.pdf

On the homepage, at: <http://www.canadianalliance.ca>
you can also choose from a Flash version (which I didn't check out), and a text version (which suffers from screwed-up line breaks, so

that many lines run several times the width of the screen. Thought you'd be interested. 73- (Bill Westenhaver, QuÉbec, Nov 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. After getting up shortly after 0400 I did not miss the rare opportunity to hear RCI on 75 metres, or was it even the very first time that RCI used this band? Of course 3955 was the usual strong Skelton signal here. Not so with the Moosbrunn outlets, also 7250 was skipping over my location, actually hardly a surprise. By the way, the Moosbrunn equipment used was until recently busy with the Latin America service of ORF until 0400 (9870 and 13730). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. RCI -SPECIAL ELECTION BROADCAST "ELECTION-2000" Nov 28:

THANKS TO MR GLEN HAUSER FOR THE RCI SPECIAL ELECTION BROADCAST SHORTWAVE SCHD. I CHECKED OUT QUITE A FEW FREQS THIS MORNING BEFORE LEAVING FOR OFFICE & HERE ARE MY OBSERVATIONS :

0200-0300 UTC STRONG SIGNALS ON 15260, 17860 & 9800. AVG RECEPTION ON 17720, 9560, 7250. THERE WAS NO SIGNAL ON 17860 (NOVOSIBIRSK) & NEITHER THIS FREQ WAS ANNOUNCED ON AIR.

0330-0330 UTC GOOD SIGNAL ON 17720, 9505 & 17870 (VIA NOVOSIBIRSK) ENJOYED THE ELECTION ANALYSIS & PROFILE OF POLITICAL PARTIES HOSTED BY JIM CRAIG. ONCE AGAIN THANKS TO G. HAUSER FOR THE INFO. REGDS (ALOKESH GUPTA, NEW DELHI, INDIA, dx listening digest)

** CANADA [and non]. RCI's election coverage was well heard from numerous sites around the world between 0200 and 0500 Nov 28:

Sackville frequencies (9560 0200 to 0300 and 0400 to 0430; 9805 0300 to 0400) were heard with fair to good level, with a fluttery signal.

Delano: Best by far was 9785 (0200 to 0500) with superb signal, 9755 (0200 to 0500) only sightly less so.

Skelton: 3955 not heard during entire period.

Vienna: Heard reasonably well: 7250 (0200 to 0500) heard at fair level, with usual ham QRM. 9800 (0200 to 0300) fair to good. 9505: (0300 to 0500) Under WYFR until they signed off, noted fair after 0430 when I tuned in.

Xi'an 15260 (0200 to 0300) Quite well heard. 17860 (0200 to 0300) Fair signal.

Irkutsk 17720 (0200 to 0500) Well heard especially around

0300. Transmitter heard at 0140 with test tones, etc. A nice signal.

Novosibirsk 17870 (0200 to 0500) Not heard.

In summary, sites heard: Sackville, Delano, Vienna, Xian, and Irkutsk. Not heard: Novosibirsk and Skelton. Various satellite delays were noted (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. RCI 9755 via Delano USA per special election schedule in DXLD. 0358 11/28. Heard the new RCI sounder mx repeated. This thing is shrill, annoying, and makes me grab my radio and tune away. It sounds like a bad video-game. I call it "Super-Mario RCI". It ranks right down there with the WYFR interval signal. I hate it, I hate it, I hate it. Make it go away! (Larry Russell, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST))

** CANADA. I must say here that the coverage of the CBC is a most refreshing change from the hyperventilating verbal diarrhea manufacturers we have covering our election here on (what is it?) six commercial broadcast and cable networks. The analysis offered on CBC is measured, intelligent, conversational and erudite. They don't assume that their audience is a bunch of idiots who can be enticed to stay tuned by bombast and invective. Thanks....I had to get that off my chest (John A Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. Falun Dafa Radio in Chinese noted on Nov. 24: 2200-2300 on new 9330/9325/9315/9310, ex 12145/12140/12135/12130 (Observer, Bulgaria, Nov 28 via DXLD) I suppose that would be the Bulgarian transmitter (gh)

** CONGO DR. Just received an e-mail reply from Radio TÈlÈ LibertÈ 15725. I used an e-mail address from <http://www.clandestineradio.com> (thanks a mil guys!). Cheers, (Paul Ormandy, NZ)

----- Original Message -----

From: MLCongo <MLCongo@compuserve.com>
To: Paul Ormandy <paulorm@paradise.net.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2000 11:37 AM
Subject: Reception

Je vous remercie pour votre message de Nouvelle ZÈlande du 13 novembre 2000. Le MLC est un mouvement politico-militaire qui combat pour renverser la dictature de Kabila au Congo-ZaÔre.

Nous disposons d'une armÈe de 20.000 hommes qui combattent les troupes du dictateur congolais. Notre radio onde courte est actuellement hors service et reprendra ses programmes au courant du

mois de d'Écembre. Cordialement, Olivier Kamitatu

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(via Ormandy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In case you missed it, they say that they are off the air at the moment but will resume in December (gh)

** COSTA RICA. RFPI Broadcast Schedule December 2000 - February 2001
All times UTC (GMT)

Mon		Tue		
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1600	2200	0400	1000	RadioNation- Marc Cooper, Interviews/commentary
1700	2300	0500	1100	Our Americas- The Weekly Report on Latin America & the Caribbean- Mario Marillo
1800	0000	0600	1200	CounterSpin- media analysis
1830	0030	0630	1230	Hightower Commentaries/Earthwatch/Earth & Sky
1845	0045	0645	1245	Tropical Conservation Newsbureau- Diane Jukofsky, Chris Wille
1900	0100	0700	1300	Disability Radio Worldwide- Jean Parker, interviews/features
1930	0130	0730	1330	Steppin' Out of Babylon- Sue Supriano
2000	0200	0800	1400	University Forum- Dr. Jean Moore, interviews
2030	0230	0830	1430	Honoring Mother Earth: Indigenous Voices - Oannes Pritzker
2130	0330	0930	1530	In the Moment- Susan Michael
2145	0345	0945	1545	U.N. Today

Tue		Wed		
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1600	2200	0400	1000	A Public Affair- Interviews
1700	2300	0500	1100	Making Contact - Reports & Interviews
1730	2330	0530	1130	Bruderhof Radio - Interviews, features or Peoples Tribune Radio- reports, commentary
1800	0000	0600	1200	RadioNation- Marc Cooper, Interviews/commentary
1900	0100	0700	1300	World of Radio- Glenn Hauser, DX news & info
1930	0130	0730	1330	RFPI's Mailbag- your cards and letters
2000	0200	0800	1400	Continent of Media - Glenn Hauser
2030	0230	0830	1430	TUC* Radio- Maria Gilardin
2100	0300	0900	1500	Living Enrichment Center- Rev. Mary M. Morrissey

2130	0330	0930	1530	Peace Forum
2145	0345	0945	1545	U.N. Today

Wed		Thus	
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1600	2200	0400	1000	Alternative Radio- political & social analysis
1700	2300	0500	1100	RFPI's Mailbag- your cards and letters
1730	2330	0530	1130	This Way Out - Lesbian & Gay Radio Magazine
1800	0000	0600	1200	Steppin' Out of Babylon - Sue Supriano
1830	0030	0630	1230	Hightower Commentaries/Earthwatch/ Earth & Sky
1845	0045	0645	1245	World Citizen's Weekly Commentary- Douglas Mattern
1900	0100	0700	1300	Every Living Thing- Traci Hickson, environmental magazine
2000	0200	0800	1400	WINGS- Women's Int'l News Gathering Service
2030	0230	0830	1430	Global Community Forum / Far Right Radio Review, James Latham
2130	0330	0930	1530	United Nations "Scope"
2145	0345	0945	1545	U.N. Today

Thus		Fri	
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1600	2200	0400	1000	Our Americas- The Weekly Report on Latin America & the Caribbean- Mario Marillo
1700	2300	0500	1100	Voices of Our World- Maryknoll Media, social justice magazine
1730	2330	0530	1130	Coyote Nation's Radio Journal - Weekly progressive newscast
1800	0000	0600	1200	Global Community Forum/ Far Right Radio Review, James Latham
1900	0100	0700	1300	Music Medicine- Eco-Music & Artist Profiles
2000	0200	0800	1400	Russian Ecological Radio Service (Russian)
2030	0230	0830	1430	A Public Affair- Interviews
2130	0330	0930	1530	Tropical Conservation Newsbureau- Diane Jukofsky, Chris Wille
2145	0345	0945	1545	U.N. Today

Fri		Sat	
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1600	2200	0400	1000	Honoring Mother Earth: Indigenous Voices - Oannes Pritzker
1700	2300	0500	1100	University Forum- Dr. Jean Moore, interviews
1730	2330	0530	1130	WINGS- Womens International News Gathering Service
1800	[0000]	0600	1200	Freespeech Radio News - Weekly newscast by striking Pacifica Network News stringers

1830	[0030]	0630	1230	Hightower/Earthwatch/Earth & Sky
1845	0045	0645	1245	United Nations "Women"
1900	0100	0700	1300	Continent of Media- Glenn Hauser
1930	0130	0730	1330	World of Radio- Glenn Hauser, DX news & info
2000	0200	0800	1400	RFPI's Mailbag- your cards and letters
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2100	0300	0900	1500	Bruderhof Radio - Interviews, features or Peoples Tribune Radio- reports, commentary
2130	0330	0930	1530	The Neumaier Report- Dr. John Neumaier
2145	0345	0945	1545	U.N. Today

Sat	Sun
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1600	2200	0400	1000	Global Community Forum / Far Right Radio Review
1700	2300	0500	1100	TUC* Radio- Maria Gilardin
1730	2330	0530	1130	Continent of Media- Glenn Hauser
1800	0000	0600	1200	World of Radio- Glenn Hauser, DX news & info
1830	0030	0630	1230	RFPI's Mailbag
1900	0100	0700	1300	CounterSpin- media analysis
1930	0130	0730	1330	Making Contact- reports and interviews
2000	0200	0800	1400	Alternative Radio- political & social analysis
2100	0300	0900	1500	Freespeech Radio News - Weekly newscast by striking Pacifica Network News stringers
2130	0330	0930	1530	Blickwinkel - German Language broadcast
2145	0345	0945	1545	Hightower Commentaries/Earthwatch/ Earth & Sky

Sun	Mon
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1600	2200	0400	1000	Music Medicine- Eco-Music & Artist Profiles
1700	2300	0500	1100	The Neumaier Report- Dr. John Neumaier
1715	2315	0515	1115	Living Enrichment Center- Rev. Mary M. Morrissey
1800	0000	0600	1200	Spiritual Awakening- James Bean
1830	0030	0630	1230	One World - One Family- Bahai of Costa Rica
1900	0100	0700	1300	Every Living Thing- Traci Hickson, environmental magazine
2000	0200	0800	1400	New Dimensions Radio- Michael Toms, interviews
2100	0300	0900	1500	Voices of Our World- Maryknoll Media, social justice magazine
2130	0330	0930	1530	United Nations "Perspective"
2145	0345	0945	1545	Hightower Commentaries/Earthwatch/ Earth & Sky

CURRENT FREQUENCIES (all times UTC/GMT):

40 meters: 7.480 MHz (AM) 0000-0400 at 30 kw
19 meters: 15.065 MHz (AM) 2200-0200 at 10 kw
13 meters: 21.815 MHz (USB) 1200-0400 at 3 kw

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Re: 15049, James says yes, it will stay 24 hours until 7480 operational. Tower people coming Nov 30 so could be as soon as this weekend. One week max (Joe Bernard, RFPI, Nov 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. DGSWS, 9725, 1158 11/26 morse code/digital noise splattering 9700-9750. Same type of code heard on 5030, so problem with satellite link. Dr. Gene was on WWCR. Later in day heard Gene back on 9725 (Larry Russell, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. If you saw my November NASWA Journal column, you saw my reference to the new Deutsche Welle cultural life program "Ticket to Europe". Annoyingly, it's only offered in the satellite, internet, and all-day European (6140 kHz) services, not on the North American targeted service. As I had predicted, though, the program is archived for on-demand listening; the URL is <http://www.dwelle.de/english/tte/Welcome.html> Says about it:

"Ticket To Europe" takes you on a journey through various European countries and regions. Europe may be growing closer together politically and economically, but there are, of course, still a lot of differences regarding traditions, culture and products that the various European countries are famous for. Portugal, for instance, is well known for its port wine, but have you ever wondered where the corks come from? Or take the German federal state Bavaria: It's renowned for its historic churches. But, what does it take to make a church bell? Or which country is the world's biggest exporter of hazelnuts? And what is the countryside like where they grow? What about the traditions and culture of the people who live there? "Ticket to Europe" will offer an insight into some of the well known European regions but also into areas that are off the beaten track. "Ticket To Europe" - your passport to places, people and products. (Richard Cuff, swprograms Nov 29 via DXLD)

** GERMANY. The Jülich station announces following test transmissions for the customer "United Methodist Church" from Dec. 4 to Dec. 10:

PAZ (UTC)	PEZ (UTC)	Frequenz (kHz)	ANT	Azi- muth	Ziel- gebiet	Ciraf Zone(n)	Tag
04.00	05.59	11.775	105	145	OAF	38, 48, 53	alle
04.00	05.59	13.685	302	160	AF	46, 47, 53	alle
17.00	18.59	13.810	106	145	OAF	38, 48, 53	alle
17.00	18.59	15.485	302	160	AF	46, 47, 53	alle

The modulation will originate from a MiniDisc, the same every day. Listeners' reactions are welcome; address Deutsche Telekom, TBR Kurzwelle Jülich, Merscher Höhe, 52428 Jülich, Germany; fax +49 2461 697 372; e-mail ralf.weyl@telekom.de

(Ralf Weyl, transmitting station Jülich, Nov 27; translated and table reformatted by Kai Ludwig, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The mentioned antennas #105 and #106 are HRS 4/4/0.4 and HRS 4/4/0.7 designs, aiming at 115 degrees and to be used with +30 degrees slew; antenna #302 is a HR 4/4/0.5. (Ludwig, DXLD)

** INDIA. There are three new states in India, UTTARANCHAL (out of Uttar Pradesh), CHATTISGARH (out of Madhya Pradesh) and JHARKHAND (out of Bihar). Of these Jharkhand has already got a SW transmitter at RANCHI - the capital of the new state. Uttaranchal state is carrying programs from the AIR NAJIBABAD station via the Delhi transmitter on 6030 at 0200-0310 and 1215-1430. The program starts and ends abruptly and no freq announcements are given for the new services. This transmitter is using a dipole antenna on the Nepal beam (Alok das Gupta, Calcutta, India, Nov 27, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

** INDIA. New frequencies for some AIR English broadcasts: 1000 on 15075; 1330 on 9690; 2245 on 13605. AIR's 5-minute English newscast at 0830 has been replaced by a half hour of English ``Mid-day News`` at 1830 [sic] on 15185, 15260 and nationwide on mediumwave (Jose Jacob, AWR Wavescan Nov 26 via DXLD) Neither 0830 nor 1830 is exactly mid-day, but I guess he meant 0830 which is 2 pm IST (gh, DXLD)

** MALDIVE ISLANDS. The 5 kW transmitter at Male has returned to its former frequency of 1458 kHz (Jose Jacob, India, AWR Wavescan Nov 26 via DXLD)

** MEXICO - VATICAN STATE. I've been in touch with the technical management of Vatican Radio regarding their use of 6185 kHz in the morning. Vatican Radio is completely spoiling the reception of Radio

Education here in Denmark till 0745 UT. Would otherwise be very good.
Here's part of the reply:

"During the summer season we signed off 6185 kHz at 0500 UT, but for the present "winter" season we are extending the use of this frequency to Central-East Europe not only due to radiopropagation conditions, but also for the change in local time in Europe. We did the same for many years in the past and we didn't receive any complaint by any broadcasters the less by Mexican Authority. The service of Radio Education from Mexico has been notified for CIRAF zone 10 (Mexico) only which means that it is not intended for Europe, our target area."

But the Technical Direction of Vatican Radio Frequency Management finish off by saying that I can "rest assured that we'll take into consideration your suggestion in the future if there will be the possibility". So perhaps ... BTW, isn't Vatican Radio causing interference to Radio Education in NAM around this time?? Best of 73s (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark DDXLK, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND [non]. Re: 3935 R Reading service Levin 0731 utc popmusic followed by English male speaker with kind of Australian accent, before 0800 fade out.

Wishful thinking. That's Laser Hot Hits from Ireland, // 6219 kHz. So the opening wasn't that spectacular. ;-) A pity that they can't use another frequency. 73 (Martin Elbe, Germany, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** SA'UDI ARABIA. Bandscanning for something interesting to listen to while having lunch at my favorite Chinese restaurant, at my table next to an east-facing window, the DX-375 stopped at 15205, 1730 UT November 28. Later looked up in the HFCC, this proved to be:

15205 1600 1800 27,28,37N RIYADH 500 320 D ARABIC ARS 5057 HOLY Q

What a virtuosic performance! Unfortunately most of the intended audience are incapable of appreciating this on a purely artistic level, with their religious, linguistic and cultural baggage, but I can, as a non-Arabic-speaking, non-monotheist. I'd better be careful, however, as I do understand a few words of Arabic. Reverb, which may well have been enhanced rather than true from some mosque, adds a lot to the otherworldly ambience from our point of view. The main muezzin was occasionally joined by another voice in response. Some great vocal ranges may be heard, including tenors, but never a (subhuman) female voice. If they were not so culturally narrow-minded, American fine arts stations should broadcast music like this and give us a respite from all the Xmas favorites about to be unleashed upon us. Fat chance. I wonder if even in major American markets, Islamic

services are ever heard on local radio. This is another way that shortwave really shines (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [and non]. Dear Bj^rn, The station on 7530 is Radio Free Asia - can be identified at 1630 UT just before close down. I probably picked up Hargeisa a few days ago with weak signal at around 1700 (Hans-Dieter Buschau, Hildesheim, Germany, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** SOMALIA. Interim government reviving former state media organizations | Text of report from Somali newspaper 'Qaran' web site on 29th November

The interim government of Somalia is making efforts to revive the media organizations run by the former government of Somalia. Reliable reports say the government is seeking to revive the national radio, newspaper and the Somali news agency, Sona. ... Reports also say that a radio station that would act as the mouthpiece of the interim government will also be set up with the help of the State of Kuwait and that the equipment is due to arrive in Somalia soon. Source: 'Qaran' web site, Mogadishu, in Somali 29 Nov 00 (via BBC Monitoring excerpted for DXLD)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Dear friend, Radio Cochiguaz broadcast on this past weekend on 11440U khz, but, according to the propagation conditions that have been very bad, with lot of noise, we will relay probably the same programmes on next Saturday 2 December, if we have free time. We have received a few reports from the South American area, but, nothing from Europe on this time. Meanwhile, we will trait adjust our frequency from 11439.7 khz, to the exact frequency of 11440U khz with our technical understood. I hope to have success with this crystal. We should keep in touch. FFFR, Cachito (Nov 28 via Valter Aguiar, Brazil, radioescutas via DXLD)

** SPAIN. To EDXP Members: I am pleased to advise that I have prepared a story, accompanied by a set of pictures, taken during my recent visit to the IBB's Spain Transmitting Station, at Pals. The visit was part of the Conference organised by the European DX Council, which was held in Barcelona. You are invited to read the story and view the pictures, at <http://www.worldisround.com/articles/662/index.html> This story is generally non-technical, and a more-detailed article is being prepared for publication elsewhere.

You are also invited to read an account of my trip to other parts of Spain, and view a variety of pictures taken in several towns and cities, at: <http://www.worldisround.com/articles/666/index.html> Please note that the stories and pictures are copyright and may not

be further reproduced without permission from me. Your feedback would be appreciated. Enjoy! (Bob Padula, Electronic DX Press Nov 27 via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA [non]. GERMANY: Additional time of Tamil Oli Radio in Tamil via DTK/Jlich: 0030-0130 on 9585 to SAs (Observer, Bulgaria, Nov 28 via DXLD)

** THAILAND. Radio Thailand External Service *Transmissions marked with an asterisk are from the US International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) relay station at Udon Thani in Thailand. All other frequencies [918, 9655, 11905 on every broadcast] are from Radio Thailand's own lower powered transmitters. Radio Thailand is also relayed for local listeners on FM. This schedule, valid until 24th March 2001, has been compiled using information supplied by the broadcaster. Broadcasts are NOT subject to Summer/Winter time changes.

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0000-0030	Daily	ENGLISH	EuAfDom	9.680-*
0030-0100	Daily	ENGLISH	AmDom	13.695-*
0100-0200	Daily	THAI	AmDom	13.695-*
0300-0330	Daily	ENGLISH	AmDom	15.460-*
0330-0430	Daily	THAI	AmDom	15.460-*
0530-0600	Daily	ENGLISH	EuDom	15.115-*
1000-1100	Daily	THAI	AsDom	7.285-*
1100-1115	Daily	VIETNAMESE	AsDom	7.285-*
1115-1130	Daily	CAMBODIAN	AsDom	7.285-*
1130-1145	Daily	LAO	AsDom	6.040-*
1145-1200	Daily	BURMESE	AsDom	6.040-*
1200-1215	Daily	MALAY	AsDom	11.805-*
1215-1230	Daily	INDONESIAN	AsDom	11.805-*
1230-1300	Daily	ENGLISH	AsAuDom	9.810-*
1300-1315	Daily	JAPANESE	AsDom	7.145-*
1315-1330	Daily	MANDARIN	AsDom	7.145-*
1330-1400	Daily	THAI	AsDom	7.145-*
1400-1430	Daily	ENGLISH	AsDom	9.530-*
1800-1900	Daily	THAI	AsDom	11.855-*
1900-2000	Daily	ENGLISH	EuDom	9.535-*
2000-2015	Daily	GERMAN	EuDom	9.535-*
2015-2030	Daily	FRENCH	EuDom	9.535-*
2030-2045	Daily	ENGLISH	EuDom	9.535-*
2045-2115	Daily	THAI	EuDom	9.535-*

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Note the 1000-1100 broadcast in Thai, thought to be for military abroad, which had been on 11805 is now on 7285 (gh)

** TUNISIA: B-00 schedule of RTTunis in Arabic - updated version:

0200-0400 9720, 12005
0400-0500 7110, 7275, 9720, 12005
0500-0700 7110, 7275
1200-1400 15450, 17735
1400-1600 11655, 11730, 15450, 17735
1600-1700 7225, 9720, 11655, 12005
1700-2100 7110, 7225, 9720, 12005
2100-2300 7110, 7225

73 from Ivo and Anguel!!! (Observer, Bulgaria, Nov 28 via DXLD)

** TURKEY. North Americans having trouble with the 2300 or 0400 broadcasts of VOT should not forget English at 1330 which is beamed our way on 17815. Wed Nov 29 at 1350 I found the Letterbox in progress, and it ran past 1405. The woman hosting it speaks with a great deal of, perhaps exaggerated, expression, which would be fine if it were not for the fluttery signal, under which conditions the expression does not add to intelligibility. Replying to a couple of letters, she said that VOT is not broadcasting on the internet at the moment, but will return in a week or two once a more reliable server is in place. Checking VOT at <http://www.tsr.gov.tr/en/> I found no mention of internet audio, but at the TRT site <http://www.trt.net.tr> there is still a link to VOT streaming [pnm://212.175.166.3:7070/VoiceOfTurkey.rm](http://212.175.166.3:7070/VoiceOfTurkey.rm) which at 1430 is supposed to be in Bulgarian, but instead we heard a muezzin in ñ- what else? -ñ Arabic, 1436 into Novini, news in a Slavic language. Only an occasional brief dropout, so English streaming presumably IS ongoing at 1330, 1930, 2130, 2300, 0400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) [Later: also tuned in the 1930 webcast, coming in fine -gh]

** UKRAINE. RUI (Radio Ukraine International) from December 5 changes frequency 9810 kHz to 9385 kHz. Azimuth 307 degrees to Eastern Coast of North America is hold good. Reports of receiving will be very reliable. Please, e-mail to egorov@nrcu.gov.ua For QSL-cards and complete schedule e-mail also to vsru@nrcu.gov.ua (Alexander Yegorov, Ukraine, Nov 27, via Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) That would include English at 0100 and 0400 (gh)

** UKRAINE. You asked about shortwave from Kopani [Mykolayiv]: Still nothing. It was actually a surprise to me that the site is now back on air at least with the single mediumwave transmitter on 972, which

used to override co-channel Hamburg already here in eastern Germany. The other two mediumwave rigs at Kopani on 549 and 1431 remain silent like the shortwave megawatters.

RUI still uses only the 100 kW transmitters at the Brovary "A" site and at Khar'kov-Ternivka. I lively remember the tremendous signals from Kopani, and in the late seventies the site also showed how one can overdo things:

They tried to serve North America with 3000 kW and a antenna with a gain of 38 dB, resulting in a ERP of almost 19 million kW. However, the signals in the target area were quite poor. Of course the phenomenon was investigated; the finding was that this overkill literally burned a hole into the ionosphere! This was researched recently by Olle Alm; I think Wolfgang will soon include a more detailed report in his BC-DX. Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Weekly schedule for the "all news" program stream of the BBC World Service, available from their website at URL http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/ram/live_news.ram
Source of info: BBC Website, URL http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/schedules/online_news.shtml
(Richard Cuff, Allentown, PA, swprograms via DXLD)

From which we merely extract all the times for Letter from America, lots of chances to hear, and as a rule its audio is not archived:

Sat 0915, 1845, 1945, 2145; Sun 0145, 0545; Mon 0345, 0645, 0845, 1130 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Regarding the report that WSM, 650, Nashville TN, has turned off its C-QUAM stereo: I was in Nashville last summer and think it's a darn shame. On my AM stereo receiver, WSM almost rivaled FM quality. The stereo separation was second to none, better than some Chicago stations, although on that receiver the frequency response was not of FM quality. On the other hand, back in Houston, KTRH, 740 must have compressed their bandwidth to 4 kHz, sounds terrible, although it does allow WSB, 750, Atlanta to be heard (George Thurman, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7354.38, WRNO definitely heard here 28 Nov at 0123 with preaching programming (Brother Stair?). Very weak, and only at threshold, but parallel to 7435 WWCR. Must be only running a few watts. Thanks to Hans Johnson, Bill Smith and Mark Fine for this one. A real DX catch! (Walter Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Folks, In case you have missed the past two editions of

CyberShortwave "Live"! I have both Shows from November 12th and November 26th running 24/7 on Live365.com. These shows are unedited, just as they were "aired". I invite you to check them out when you have time. You will experience the camaraderie that goes on between monitoring enthusiasts in IRC #SWL as they listen to the netcast and interact with each other and myself. And of course the usual healthy dose of "world type songs". A shortcut to listen is to set your Winamp MP3 player (or Real Player) "Open Location" (CTRL-L) to <http://216.32.166.89:9020> More details on how to listen is at my web site <http://www.n1dk.com> 73, (Dave Kirby N1DK, Nov 27, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. Re the program 'Mi Seferino' on WRMI, anyone interested in the crypto-Jews of New Mexico should read the article "Mistaken Identity: The Case of New Mexico's 'Hidden Jews'" by Barbara Ferry and Debbie Nathan in December 2000 Atlantic Monthly. The article tells of research indicating that the crypto-Jews of New Mexico actually derive from a much more recent source - a pseudo-Judaic Protestant cult named the Church of God Israelite which gained a number of converts in certain parts of Old and New Mexico about 100 years ago - converts who had to hide their new faith from their Catholic neighbors. The research that led to this finding is quite a story! (Don Moore, Nov 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This article is already online, which I refound starting at:
<http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2000/12/ferry.htm>
Tnx to someone who already brought this to our attention but evidently I did not get that item into DXLD (gh)

** U S A. Dear Glenn, Thanks for the report [on 17495 test Nov 26]. Only running 4 kw that test. Today we tested at full strap. Should be doing regular daytime programming in a week or so. Cheers, (Allan Weiner, WBCQ, Nov 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WBCQ, 7415, is again clashing with VOA Botswana around 0300 (George Thurman, Nov 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7415 0300 0500 VOA B ENGL BOT 03 350
7415 1900 2200 VOA B ENGL BOT 04 010
7415 2200 2230 VOA B ENGL BOT 04 010 12345
(Current IBB schedule; it does NOT have to be this way! -gh)

** VATICAN. See MEXICO

UNIDENTIFIED. For quite some time I have been hearing a wideband signal in the middle of the 17400 range. It's a continuous high-pitched whine, peaking around 17450, but audible out to 30 or 40 kHz above and below, depending on strength. With BFO on, there appear to

be multiple carrier peaks; one can get a zero beat every kHz, but especially strong ones on 17443, 17450, 17457. At first I suspected something local, but around 1545 UT Nov 28 noticed it fading gradually like a propagated SW signal. Then I also hear it on the car radio away from the house. Any idea what this is? Any clues by looking at it on a spectrum analyzer? DRM/DAB test? This is of concern to broadcasters invading the region below 17500 now, even WBCQ on 17495 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) #####